(4) Government considered that such a change was desirable.

(5) (a). In Travancore, the pay ranges from Rs. 300 to 450. In the Madras Presidency the minimum pay of a District Superintendent of Police is Rs. 800. Here the pay is now fixed at Rs. 150 to 200.

(b) In British India the pay of a Circle Inspector varies from Rs. 175 to 275.

(6) Three

(7) (1) B. A., Bar-at-Law.
(2) B. A. and B. L.
(3) B. A.

(8) (1) Commissioner of Police Rs. 610.
(2) Prosecuting Inspector Rs. 110.
(3) Superintendent of Central Jail Rs. 160.

Vyttila—Eravur Ferry.

240. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state adverting to question No. 101 answered on 27th Karkadagam 1105 during the last budget session:—

(a) whether the acquisition proceedings are completed on the stage in which they are, if not completed;

(b) will the Government be pleased to state the dates of the different steps taken by the Diwan Peishkar, if any, in the matter of the acquisition proceedings after 18th June 1930;

(c) whether the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats has taken up the work in 1105 as ordered in Diwan's Proceedings Dis. No. 1610/D/1105;

(d) if it is not taken up, will the Government be pleased to state the specific reasons, if any, for not taking it up?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) (1). No.

(2) The notification for acquiring the sites was published in the Gazette, dated 20th December 1930. The lands have not yet been taken possession of.

(b) The Tahsildar was asked to submit the draft declaration on 19th Mithunam 1105. It was received and submitted to Government on 26th November 1930. The Land Records Superintendent was asked to submit the revised land records on 26th November 1930 and he was urgently reminded on 22nd January 1931.

(c) No.

(d) The work can be taken up only after the lands are taken possession of.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—What is 26th November 1930 the date of? Is it of the receipt or the submission?

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Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I want notice.

Officers in the Land Revenue Department.

241. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many officers are there in the Land Revenue Department drawing a pay of Rs. 100 and above who are not caste Hindus;

(2) whether all the Tahsildars now in service are not officers who, prior to their appointment as Tahsildars, held appointments in departments in which only caste Hindus have access;

(3) whether any of these officers have become senior to non-caste Hindu officers whose juniors they were from the point of view of pay, before such officers were taken into the departments to which non-caste Hindus have no access?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) None.

(2) No. Only four of them *viz.*, Messrs. M. Kunjan Menon, A. Parameswara Ayyar, A. R. Mahadeva Ayyar and G. Krishna Ayyar.

(3) No non-caste Hindu officer has been superseded by any of them.

Works given to certain contractors.

242. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names with the amount of original works given from 1100 to 1105 on contract by the Department of Public Works under communications, buildings and irrigation to contractors Messrs. Velangadan Ouseph Chakko, N. O. Inasu, Seetha Rama Ayyar, Mahadeva Ayyar and V. K. Narayana Menon and the names of the officers who check-measured these works?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A list showing the details is placed on the Council table.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know who check-measured the work executed by Mr. V. K. Narayana Menon?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Which is that work?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—There is a large number of works given to Mr. V. K. Narayana Menon. There are about 18 works, of which Rs. 12,100 is for a female ward to the Chalakkudi Hospital.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That work was check-measured by me.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Then there is the palace for Her Highness Kunjipilla Tampuran.

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